

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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SALE OF DIESEL TO BULK BUYERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the policy of sale of diesel to bulk buyers at market rate is being misused by big corporates, industries and certain State Governments;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has defined bulk users for checking misuse of diesel by buyers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government against defaulters who are misusing the guidelines issued for the purpose;
- (d) whether the cases of direct purchase of diesel by large industries/traders from the petrol pumps have come to the notice of the Government; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the punitive action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a): Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that consequent to implementation of dual pricing w.e.f. 18.01.2013 for diesel with market rates for bulk direct consumers, State Transport Undertakings (STUs), Industries and some State Government Departments had started drawing their diesel requirement from ROs at retail price for their transport/passenger vehicles, generator sets and other activities. However, effective 19th October, 2014, the Government has decided to make the price of Diesel market determined for all consumers replacing the dual pricing.
- (b) to (e) : Does not arise in view of uniform price of diesel for all consumers.